

No. R-301. House concurrent resolution congratulating Cynthia Rugg on her receipt of the 2015 Oren J. Lane Community Service Award.

(R-301)

Offered by: Representatives Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Beyor of Highgate, Branagan of Georgia, Connor of Fairfield, Fiske of Enosburgh, Gamache of Swanton, Keenan of St. Albans City, Murphy of Fairfax, Parent of St. Albans Town, Pearce of Richford, and Savage of Swanton

Offered by: Senator Degree

Whereas, Cynthia Rugg is a pioneer in the promotion and implementation of home health care in Vermont, and

Whereas, in the late 1960s, recognizing that some of Franklin County's hospital patients could complete their recoveries at home, she encouraged others to establish the Franklin County Home Health Agency (FCHHA), and

Whereas, in 1969, due in part to Cynthia Rugg's involvement, FCHHA was incorporated and Medicare certified, and

Whereas, the original FCHHA six-person staff has now expanded to over 200 employees, who annually serve nearly 2,000 Franklin County residents, and

Whereas, Cynthia Rugg's involvement and interest in the provision of home health care in Franklin County has continued into the 21st century, and

Whereas, in 2014 she proposed to the FCHHA Board of Directors that a staff development fund be established, and

Whereas, this proposal became the Rugg Johnson Fund, which has the goal of guaranteeing staff opportunities for scholarship, advance training, and access to state-of-the-art equipment, and

Whereas, in October 2015, FCHHA presented the Oren J. Lane Community Service Award to Cynthia Rugg, and

Whereas, the award is presented annually to an individual or organization that has gone above and beyond to serve others, has given gifts from the heart, and for whom the community is not merely a place to live, and

Whereas, Cynthia Rugg's dedication to the quality and continuity of home health care in Franklin County exemplifies precisely the award's purpose, and

Whereas, Franklin County is most fortunate that Cynthia Rugg has continued to work enthusiastically to improve the quality of home health care, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Cynthia Rugg on her receipt of the 2015 Oren J. Lane Community Service Award, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Cynthia Rugg.